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SUBJECT: KREISKY VISIT TO US: ISSUES PAPER:
AUSTRIAN INTEREST IN IEP

REFS: A) VIENNA 8873

B) VIENNA 8654

1. AUSTRIAN POSITION: AUSTRIA IS SHOWING KEEN INTEREST IN THE IEP AND IS CONSIDERING WHETHER TO JOIN. AUSTRIA'S ENERGY INTERESTS INCLINE IT TO BECOME A MEMBER PROVIDED IEP IS LIKED TO OECD. PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS ARE WHETHER AUSTRIA'S NEUTRALITY WILL ALLOW IT TO ASSUME SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER IEP AND WHETHER SUCH A SPECIAL STATUS IS FEASIBLE FOR NEUTRAL COUNTRIES. A DECISION BY SWITZERLAND AND SWEDEN TO JOIN WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON THE AUSTRIAN DECISION.

2. U.S. POSITION: (EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS DEPARTMENT WILL SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP OF ALL OECD COUNTRIES IN THE IEP. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT USG
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DESIRES TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL, PARTICULARLY NEUTRAL,

MEMBERS--REFTEL VIENNA 8654).

3. TALING POINTS: WE RECOMMEND YOU:

--SOLICIT AUSTRIA'S CURRENT VIEWS ON THE IEP AND
ASK WHETHER IT CONTEMPLATES JOINING.

--SEEK AUSTRIAN SUPPORT IN THE OECD COUNCIL FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IEP AGENCY.HUMES

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